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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note verbale dated 29 June 1992 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Secretary-General

The Director-General of the World Health Organization has the honour to transmit a copy of resolution WHA45.20, on the subject of multisectoral collaboration on WHO's programme on tobacco or health, which was adopted by the forty-fifth World Health Assembly on 13 May 1992 (see annex).

The Director-General wishes to draw attention to operative paragraph 2 of this resolution, in which the Economic and Social Council is requested to put the subject of "tobacco or health" on the agenda of its next sesssion, so that the subject is officially discussed with an appropriate follow-up in the United Nations General Assembly and organizations of the United Nations system.

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Annex

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45.20

Multisectoral collaboration on WHO's programme on tobacco or health

The forty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's report on collaboration within the United Nations system and noting the relevance of that collaboration in approaching issues such as "tobacco or health";

Recalling resolutions WHA42.19 and WHA43.16 regarding the socio-economic and development implications of tobacco in the countries that depend on tobacco production as a major source of income;

Reaffirming the need for multisectoral strategies, including the involvement of other members of the United Nations system in dealing with the complexities and difficulties of the subject of "tobacco or health";

Recalling the Executive Board's decision at its eighty-ninth session (EB89(16)) on the action taken by the Director-General in reporting to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and the reaffirmation of the orientation given to WHO's programme on "tobacco or health";

Concerned about the lack of appropriate follow-up activities to the Director-General's report on the need for multisectoral collaboration within the United Nations system for the problem of "tobacco or health" at the session of the Economic and Social Council in July 1991;

Concerned about the economic effects of the reduction of tobacco production in the tobacco-producing countries which are still unable to develop a viable economic alternative to tobacco;

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report, and for bringing to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the need for collaboration within the United Nations system on the complex issue of "tobacco or health";

2. REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to put the subject of "tobacco or health" on the agenda of its next session so that the subject is officially discussed with an appropriate follow-up in the United Nations General Assembly and organizations of the United Nations system;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue to seek and to facilitate multisectoral collaboration on WHO's "tobacco or health" programme within the United Nations system;

(2) to bring to the Council's attention WHO's concern over socio-economic problems of tobacco production and difficulties associated with assistance to the countries dependent on tobacco production, as reflected in the report requested in operative paragraph 3(5) of resolution WHA43.16.

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